

CLAIMS

1. A device for assisting in fitting and removing support socks, which makes it possible to open a sock
5 by means of a fixed part comprising an upper plate (1) to which an upper tongue (2) is fastened, and a lower moving part which slides along two slide guides and comprises a sliding plate (3) to which a lower tongue (4) is fastened, characterized in that it consists of a
10 slide (10 and 11) and lever (5) system which is used to separate two tongues (2 and 4), in that it comprises detachable lateral handles (8 and 9) and in that the moving lower part of the device (3, 4, 8 and 9) may be uncoupled from the apparatus and may be used as an
15 independent apparatus.

2. The sock-opening device as claimed in claim 1, characterized by two curved, solid tongues (2 and 4), the upper tongue (2) having a large radius of curvature
20 and being more flattened than the lower tongue (4), which has a small radius of curvature and is downwardly very concave to allow the passage of the heel, the two tongues forming, when pressed one against the other, a rectilinear and ovoid sleeve on which the sock will be
25 positioned.

3. The sock-opening device as claimed in claim 1, characterized by two parallel slide guides (10 and 11) which are interconnected at one end by the fixed plate
30 (1) supporting the upper tongue (2) and are free at the other end, allowing vertically downward translational movement of the lower plate (3), which is equipped with slides at its ends.

35 4. The sock-opening device as claimed in claim 1, characterized by a lever system (5) which, bearing on the fixed upper plate (1) on each side of the

apparatus, will push the lower sliding plate (3) by way of two connecting rods (6 and 7) so as to move the plate (3) away from the fixed part (1 and 2), thereby reducing the effort required.

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5. The positioning device as claimed in claim 1, characterized by the addition of elongate handles of variable length which are fastened in a lateral position on each side of the sliding plate (3) and are easily detachable, allowing personal use of the apparatus or use by a third party by removing these handles.

6. The device for taking off support socks (or stockings) as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that it is composed of the moving lower part of the sock-fitting device as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 5, which part is detachable and can be uncoupled easily from the rest of the sock-fitting device by sliding it down to the end of the slide guides in order to become an independent apparatus comprising the sliding plate (3) supporting the tongue (4) and the two handles (8 and 9). The tongue (4) fastened perpendicularly to the plate (3), which acts as a stop, is slipped into the top of the sock, between the latter and the leg, and pushes it toward the foot by means of the elongate handles in a folding-over process, making it possible to pass the heel.